

## **HB 1013 — Citrus Canker Eradication**

by Rep. Plakon and others (SB 1956 by Senators Baker, Dean and Bullard)

This bill repeals s. 581.1845, F.S., relating to citrus canker eradication, and removes all references to the Citrus Canker Eradication Program from the Florida Statutes. In January 2006, based on scientific analyses, the United States Department of Agriculture took the position that the current citrus canker eradication plan in Florida was inadequate to contain the disease and that a new management plan should be developed. The USDA further stated that it would no longer fund tree removal that was done with eradication as the goal. As a result, Chapter 2006-45, Laws of Florida, was enacted to replace the Citrus Canker Eradication Program with a comprehensive citrus health plan to minimize the impact of pests and diseases on the production of citrus and to allow Florida's citrus to be marketed to other states and countries.

If approved by the Governor, these provisions take effect July 1, 2010.

*Vote: Senate 38-0; House 112-0*